

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON YOUTH  
JUNE MINUTES

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order by Interim Chairperson Peter Shakro at 7:14 PM, June 26, 2006 at the Township Offices, 250 S. Route 59, Bartlett, Illinois.

Members present were Richard Clyburn, Greg Herbert, Nirali Shah, Peter Shakro, Ashley Tyszkiewicz, and Director Kathy Fox.

2. Approval of Minutes: Upon motion, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 22, 2006 were approved as read.
3. Treasurer's Report: Due to the new Township accounting system the Treasurer's Reports were still unavailable for (FY06) March 2006, (FY07) April and May 2006. The system should be in place by the July meeting.
4. Youth and Family Services Report: There were two continuing trends observed during the May family therapy screening process. First, the increase in the number of Hispanic screenings, and second the larger number of females referred. Due to the increase in these two demographics, Kathy will be running a report that correlates the different demographic categories with one another in order to get a more comprehensive picture of trends.

Kathy stated, since Irene Jimenez has been hired more cases are being assigned.

A parenting class at Laurel Hill ended this past May. The topic discussed by the group was parenting skills. The group was very successful, in fact, so successful that many of the attendees asked that a women's group be formed at that same location or here at Hanover Township Youth and Family Services.

We sent out fifty-nine Parents/Student and Teacher evaluation surveys for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Tutoring. Return was 25 and 27 respectively. Overall, surveys reported progress by students and positive feedback about the program.

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It has been difficult securing middle schools consistently for Open Gym (due to construction). The Canton facilities were not available to us this past year, thus the number of youth using our services decreased.

A Family Week will be organized for the last week of summer Open Gym, which will include a cookout and family activities. Michael has convened a parent advisory board. The advisory board will seek knowledge on how to increase the number of kids and parents involved in Open Gym.

The Committee also reviewed the results from the Outreach Services survey. Respondents (schools and police) commended our services; requested more of the same as well as bilingual and female outreach staff.

5. Astor Avenue Report: We did not receive the after school grant from the State Board of Education. However, there are plans to apply for the grant next year.

The offer extended to the Site Director has been withdrawn. There was an issue with the candidate obtaining her LCSW. We are now in the process of starting the selection process over again.

Astor Avenue inspired the Youth and Family Services to apply for the 2006 Governor's Hometown Award. When the application was submitted, Kathy received letters of support from the State Reps. and Village Presidents.

6. Old Business: The Statement of Core Values and Operational objectives developed by the staff were distributed. Committee members were asked to read the corrected version of the statement. All the present members agreed that the corrected version was well done. Upon motion, seconded and unanimously carried, the report was confirmed by the Committee.
7. New Business: Carmen has a clerical position available (part-time Secretary/Receptionist, evenings). It would be helpful if this candidate is bilingual.

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8. Public Comments: None

It was then moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2006. We will plan to say goodbye to Nirali and Peter who are heading off to college.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Clyburn  
Committee Member  
Committee on Youth